

CCoA Meeting Minutes
April 25, 2005
Keller Peak Room
Doubletree Hotel – Ontario Airport
222 North Vineyard Avenue
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Monday, April 25, 2005

Committee Meetings - 10:00am – 11:30am

Full Commission Meeting – 11:30am – 5:00pm

- I. Commission Dolton called the meeting to order, Commissioner Ayala led the Commission in the pledge.
- II. Roll call was taken. Excused were Esquivel, Goode, Yee, Scharlach, and Wong. Absent were Chen and King. Present were Dolton, Lambrinos, Ayala, Dennison, Glavaz, Karr, Kim-Selby, Lacayo, Latimer, Lundeen, Pynoos, Ross, Schachter, and Wyman. A quorum was established.
- III. Introductions – new commissioner Shannon Glavaz introduced herself. Mary Sawicki (Director of Aging and Adult Services, San Bernardino County and C4A Chair of the Coordinated Leadership Conference) welcomed the Commission to Ontario.
- IV. Ross moved acceptance of agenda, Lambrinos 2nded. The motion passed.
- V. No minutes have been posted on website, therefore item carried over for June meeting.
- VI. No public comments.
- VII. Chair's report – thank you to staff for efforts related to Strategic Plan efforts (forum, reports, etc.)
- VIII. Executive Director's report:
 - A. CCoA Activities – June is a time to relook at where we are going for the next 18 months, facilities relocation details were provided, March events completed (staff time spent and resources received reported)
 - B. Financial Statements through February 2005, we are within budget. Our budget for 2005-06 is on consent, no concerns.
 - C. CCoA membership – when delegate selection for WHCoA is complete in May, AAA's will be solicited for recommendations and appointments from the Governor to the Commission are expected.
- IX. Standing Committee Reports
 - A. Executive Committee Report
 1. Legislative review – Dolton reported the action CCoA took on the legislation considered. Commissioners recommended CCoA publicize our positions with our colleagues in other organizations. Proposed IHSS cuts should not be taken, Commissioners should be aware that this is the time for advocacy on this issue. Ross moved and Lambrinos seconded acceptance of this report. Motion carried.
 - B. Long Range Strategic Plan on Aging Committee Report
 1. Approval of Progress Report to the Legislature on the Strategic Plan for an Aging California Population

Committee made several editorial and clarifying recommendations to the report. They asked that Commissioners get details of edits in to staff this week so we can finalize this report.

The Committee suggested targeted distribution of the report to members of the Legislature including membership of aging committees and leadership of other committees with relevant topics addressed in the report.

The Committee discussed CCoA's continued role on the LRSPA. The Committee recommends CCoA continue to provide monitoring on the LRSPA and continue work with task teams, but that the committee needs to carefully evaluate options related to staff limitations and resources. Additionally, the committee recommended meeting in May to further discuss and have recommendations ready for the CCoA's June meetings on the LRSPA. Further, the committee recommended the Commissioners on the LRSPA committee meet with the task team leaders to discuss their wants/needs for future support from the Commission. One suggestion for future activities of the Commission on the LRSPA is that they spend more time marketing the LRSPA at local levels, educating TACC and advisory councils. Another suggestion was that the Commission meet with AAA directors to discuss AAA actions to further the LRSPA. One consideration for ongoing effort on LRSPA is Commission ownership and control vs. more detached monitoring role.

Comments from Commissioners on the Report to the Legislature on LRSPA – is an ambitious report, editorial comments and clarification given.

Wyman moved approval, Ayala 2nd of the LRSPA Committee report. The motion carried.

C. Older Americans Act Implementation Committee Report

1. State Plan Hearings

The committee complemented CDA, there has been a significant improvement from the last state plan. CCoA is delighted to see inclusion of input from AAA's and for listening to CCoA in writing the plan. Plan is very readable, promoted a better monitoring tool. Comments/concerns on the report will be given to CDA after public hearings. Specifically, the committee suggested comments on transportation issues and clarifications regarding the lack of specificity and timing will be made. There is a problem with timing of state plan vs. the area plans and the ability of the state plan to reflect area plans. One Commission action on the timing issue would be to work with C4A and write a letter to N4A to do advocacy. Very few references in the plan are made to housing. More and more is required for planning at the local level each year. The State Plan is weak on falls prevention. AAA's don't necessarily need to do housing and transportation, rather they should be at the table in their local communities where the issues are being discussed. Likewise, CDA doesn't need to run housing and transportation programs to be at the table for planning

for these services at the state level with other departments and agencies.

Ayala moved acceptance and Wyman 2nd the motion to approve the report of the committee. The motion carried.

D. White House conference on Aging

Our WHCoA forum was organized by Sandi, Carla, Nancy and the Policy Committee; the structures of the hearings and forums are dictated. The fact that these forums are being held does serve a purpose, although may not have a direct impact on how the WHCoA influences federal policy. All recommendations made at CA WHCoA events should be available to the Commission.

Delegate selection:

CA will get anywhere from 100-115 delegates. The Indian Council on Aging will get 60 nationally, maybe one or two will come from CA. CA's Congressional delegation will have 56, CA Governor gets 12. Probably 45 at large delegates will come from CA. These are the only 4 ways of appointment to the WHCoA policy committee. The committee recommends the Commission write a letter to the Governor recommending Sandi Fitzpatrick for an appointment as a delegate, based on Commission's role in training of the delegates and our leadership in the CA process. Financing of the training of the delegates is an enormous burden for the Commission. The Commission should seek Governor's office support. There is a role that is non-administrative for the Commission. We can to publicize WHO the delegation is once they are named and how these delegates may receive input from seniors in their geographic areas. We should urge open hearings by the delegates. Statehouse Conferences on Aging have served this purpose in the past, but were not able to facilitate one this WHCoA cycle.

Delegate training:

Delegates need training on the *process* of participating in the conference (how to write resolutions, etc.) Delegates also need to understand the issues that will be discussed so they can respond to what is being discussed. Housing, transportation, and health should be areas of focus at the training.

Advisory council was proposed to help us in the delegate training:

The list of suggested names are being put together for this group.

Commissioners should make additional suggestions to the list before we invite these people to the table.

Lambrinos moves acceptance of the WHCoA Committee report, Lacayo 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

Report on Commission website:

Volunteer abruptly resigned. We have secured services for website updates.

In the longer term, we will update content and structure of the website. Staff is looking for Commission input into this. Suggestion: Charityadvantage.com does this kind of service possibly at reduced cost.

X. June Meeting Preview

June 7-8 meeting is a retreat planning meeting focusing on looking ahead for next 18 months of Commission activities. Will the Commission work on PR for the Commission? LRSPA? The meeting will be held at retreat like setting to be conducive to creativity and reflection.

XI. Commissioners Reports

Karr – was a speaker at the ASA conference in Philadelphia. There were 28 sessions on elder abuse. Rather by default am new chair. Open to ideas on help for the CSL, need to all move in the same direction.

Lacayo – Senior rally is May 18th in Sacramento on the Capitol lawn. CCS is having 25th annual convention. Have recently moved to 12th and N Street (“Capitol Advocacy Center”), are interested in coalescing senior advocacy groups there.

Pynoos – Center of Excellence on Fall Prevention (Archstone Foundation); trying to build state infrastructure for this.

Dennison – New A1AA director, Donna Chambers. Transportation forum being held on May 3rd. She is a delegate to WHCoA by her congressman.

Has been recently appointed as vice-chair of CSL.

Ross – Orange Co. has an elder abuse coalition of a number of people in one building. They (APS/medical directors/sheriff’s department, etc.) go out together to do investigations. County is very active in Prop. 63 workgroups to have input as to what ought to be done with the money. End of March, a plan was submitted.

Lambrinos – by June, will be finished by PhD classes. The National Library of Washington has the medline website which targets consumers and provides information on all kinds of illnesses. Medlineplus has recently been launched, is the Spanish version of the medline website and is being evaluated by his organization.

Schachter – met with Congressman David Dreyer, leading republican member of congress from California. Program on Channel 11 produced a report on the WHCoA in which he was able to arouse an enormous amount of interest. The public policy committee of the Jewish Community in Los Angeles is extremely sensitive to senior issues. The Commission needs to continue to reach out to people other than the senior community and ask for their support on senior issues. Los Angeles has a successful history of conference sponsored by the PSA 19 Advisory Council. The next conference is on housing, reverse mortgages, tenants rights, etc. for consumers. Women’s conferences have also been successful, they are practical, educational workshop type conferences.

Latimer – Pam Smith, Director of San Diego Co. Adult and Aging Services’s son was first pick in the NFL draft for the 49ers. Commissioner will be making a presentation on the Forum to his local area.

Kim-Selby – Continuously floating between Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. Presented information on the WHCoA. East Bay Korean Senior Services Center, there is only one bilingual social worker, so Commissioner

volunteers there with many cases. Two grant proposals were written and awarded for meals and social services program there for \$52,000. Alameda County has a church that has been giving out money to homeless persons that ask for it. There is now a homeless committee to manage this situation. Food is now provided instead of money. Contra Costa County transportation committee finally is coming to the more rural part of the county.

Ayala – CA Democratic Party has a VA caucus. There is a possibility of a march in November. Was able to submit 5 resolutions that went to the caucus and Congresswoman Pelosi's office. Central Latino Senior Services has Irish/Mex event, police/fire/sheriff honored at the same time. No executive director has been appointed yet for his AAA.

Wyman – Attended CA state democratic convention.

Visitor – Ray Mastalish – CA Foundation on Aging has recently refilled papers to reestablish themselves. State plan identifies transportation, housing and health, but no specific goals/objectives.

- XII. Schachter moved we adjourn, seconded by Ross. Commission Adjourned at 4:12pm.